

## PATENT

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For: *Fuel Cell Assembly*Box PCT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the filing of an application under 35 U.S.C. § 371.

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17-22, 24-26, 28, 30, 32, 35-38, 40-46, 48, 50, 51 and 54-56 to read as follows:

3. (amended) An assembly according to claim 1 wherein the tubular metallic structure has surface formations thereon which project radially outwardly into the anode layer.